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MONTANA SENATE
62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
SENATE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Place: Capitol

Time: 11:00 A.M.
Room: 335

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SB 348 - Revise funding for wolf management



SEN. DEBBY BARRETT, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE

ROLL CALL

Free CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Date: 4-19-11 HB (SB) No. 348

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/ EXCUSED
Sen. <i>Barrett (Ch.)</i>	✓	
Sen. <i>Del Hamlett</i>		✓
Sen. <i>Vincent</i>	✓	
Rep. <i>Peterson (V. Ch.)</i>	✓	
Rep. <i>Connell</i>	✓	
Rep. <i>Phillips</i>	✓	

Staff: *Hope Stockwell*

Secretary: *Gilda Clancy*



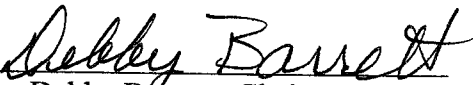
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on Senate Bill 348
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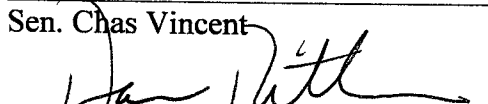
Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

We, your Free Conference Committee met and considered **Senate Bill 348** (reference copy -- salmon) and recommend this Free Conference Committee report be adopted.


For the Senate:

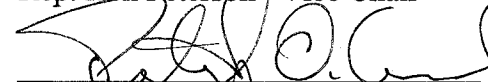

Sen. Debby Barrett Chair



Sen. Bradley Hamlett

Sen. Chas Vincent

Amendment Coordinator

For the House:


Rep. Ken Peterson Vice Chair


Rep. Pat Connell


Rep. Mike Phillips

And, recommend that **Senate Bill 348** (reference copy -- salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Title, page 1, line 5.

Strike: ", MONITORING,"

2. Title, page 1, LINE 6.

Following: "MCA;"

Insert: "AMENDING SECTION 87-5-132, MCA;"

3. Page 2.

Following: line 20

Insert: "**Section 1.** Section 87-5-132, MCA, is amended to read:

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Amendment # SB 348-001

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"87-5-132. Use of radio-tracking collars for monitoring wolf packs. (1) As part of a wolf management plan approved by the department, a radio-tracking collar or a collar that uses global positioning system technology must be attached to at least one wolf in each wolf pack that is active near livestock or near a population center in areas where depredations are chronic or likely.

(2) The department ~~shall~~ may expend ~~only the state and~~ federal funds for wolf management purposes to fulfill the requirements of this section.

(3) The department may collaborate and cooperate with other state and federal agencies to fulfill the requirements of this section.""

Renumber: subsequent sections

4. Page 2, line 22 through page 3, line 4.

Strike: "(1)" on page 2, line 22 through "SEASONS." on page 3, line 4

Insert: "(1) The department shall allocate \$900,000 annually for wolf management.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the term "management" has the same meaning provided in 87-5-102 and includes:

(a) wolf collaring conducted pursuant to 87-5-132; and

(b) lethal action conducted pursuant to 87-1-217 to take problem wolves that attack livestock.

(3) Not more than 25% of the total funding allocated under this section may be used for administrative costs."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

5. Page 3, line 9.

Strike: "SOME OF"

6. Page 3.

Following: line 9

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation. (1) The following money is appropriated to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks from the general license account for the purposes established in [section 1]:

Fiscal year 2012	\$274,000
Fiscal year 2013	\$274,000

(2) The following money is appropriated to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks from federal funds received from the United States fish and wildlife service for wolf management and the purposes established in [section 1]:

Fiscal year 2012	\$626,000
Fiscal year 2013	\$626,000

(3) The department may not expend more than 25% of the total appropriation in each fiscal year on administrative costs."

Renumber: subsequent sections

7. Page 3, line 11.

Strike: "[SECTION 1]"

Insert: "[Section 2]"

8. Page 3, line 13.

Strike: "[SECTION 1]"

Insert: "[section 2]"

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info

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